



ATHENS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

September 11,2024 7pm (in the TACC)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:04pm
2. Introductions- PTO Board –
Bidisha Goswami - Co-President, Sam Irani - Co-President,
Nancy Davis - VP, Janice Rae - Treasurer, Lisa Yaldo - Secretary; 11 Parents, Mr. DuFresne,
Mr. Burden
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda-None
4. Reports
 - a. Principal Report - Mr. Burden
 1. Mr. Munaco, the former Assistant Principal, has taken a job at central office. Ben Cronin is the new Assistant principal for student affairs for student's with the last names starting with K-Z.
 2. Welcomed several new staff to the Special Education department, happy to have them on board.
 3. New Hall pass system for the students-system to have data to identify the number and amount of students in the hallway. Other local school districts including Lake Orion and West Bloomfield, are using this system. User friendly and good data.
 4. New Cell Phone Holders/Hotel in the classrooms. Utilizing this new protocol is up to staff members and is not currently a requirement through Troy School District.
 5. Open House is Wednesday September 18th at 6:30pm
 6. Homecoming week is the week of September 23rd.
 7. 9 National Merit Scholarship finalists from Troy Athens. Outstanding achievement for these students. Will be published at a later time.
 8. Athens and Troy High are AP Capstone schools through College Board, students can receive AP Capstone Diplomas. 30 students received AP Diplomas this past year.
 9. Already started work on the school from the bond funds. In the current design phase for Athens. All English & Social Studies have more collaborative and flexible furniture. Math has also been updated in the past 5 years.
 10. All of the Spring 2024 upgrades of the athletic facilities will be completed as of tomorrow. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new tennis courts on September 12th at 3:45pm.
 - b. Teacher Representative - Mr. DuFresne
 1. Introduction-Mr. DuFresne oversees Student Council, Project Lead and is also a coach for Cross Country & Track
 2. Homecoming
 - Week of 9/23-Theme is Hollywood
 - Spirit Days Start on Monday



Monday –Adam Sandler Day

Tuesday-Hollywood Character Day

Wednesday-Jersey Day

Thursday-Class Color Day: Freshman-Green, Sophomores-Blue, Juniors-Lavender/Purple, Seniors White

Friday-Red & Gold Day

Shirts will be sold for \$10

Powder Puff Game is Wednesday, September 25th. Juniors & Seniors can sign up by noon September 13th

-Friday Pep Assembly-In the stadium last 45 minutes of the day

-Homecoming Parade starts at 5:30pm at Costello, arrive at 4:45pm-5:00pm

-Still looking for parents with jeeps/convertibles, let Mr. DuFresne, Mr. Burden or Mr. Huegh know if you are able to provide.

-Homecoming dance is Saturday, September 28th from 6-9pm in the gym(will be same day as Troy High)

-Homecoming Dance Tickets are \$20 and are available for purchase on SchoolPay. Guests from outside of the district will need to complete a guest form.

-Sign Up Genius links will be sent out for parent volunteers to assist at the Homecoming Dance and for snacks.

3. Athens Theater Company will be doing a production of Shrek in November. Will ask for the PTOs support in purchasing an ad.

c. Secretary

1. Previous Meeting Minutes Review and Approve– Nancy Davis & Sam Irani

d. Treasurer

1. Review August Financials
 1. Income from donations was \$1,165
 2. Expense from Square was \$43.69
2. Proposed budget - October 2024 meeting

e. Vice President:

1. Restaurant Nights Coming Soon!!
2. Fundraising-\$2,840 as of today
3. Share Facebook PTO, page. PTO admins will respond to questions with information.

f. President

1. Due to the new TSD websites, the PTO website is currently unavailable. We will be utilizing the Athens PTO Facebook site and email blasts to individuals that sign up for PTO communications
 1. Utilize signing up through the Google Doc so we can communicate that way
 2. Mr. Burden will send out a week before the deadline for the donations. Sometime around next week, after open house.
2. Reservations for the TACC building
 1. Mr. Burden will arrange to have the TACC reserved

5. Old Business-None

6. New Business

- a. Moved the February 12th meeting to February 19th due to Charity Week.



- b. Need chairs for some committees and events
 - 1. Will need parent chairs for the committees and will share on the Facebook post Reach out in person or via email to any Board Member to volunteer
 - c. Ford Drive
 - 1. Will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at Troy Athens, time is still TBD
 - 2. Each test drive along with a survey completed will result in \$20 for the PTO with a maximum of \$6,000.
 - 3. Drivers have to be at least 18 years of age.
 - 4. Will ask for parent volunteers to assist during the event.
 - d. Open House - PTO will be present
7. Open Discussion
- a. Request for headphones for students who may have special needs during loud events at the school including the homecoming dance and sporting events. Mr. Burden will look further into this request.
 - b. Issues with technology capabilities-Mr. Burden to see if an email needs to go out for Athens or for the broader TSD audience.
 - c. Question regarding safety and staff having access to security devices, Mr. Burden said that the staff does not have access to a device but do have an app that they can report safety concerns/incidents on.
 - d. Question regarding floats for homecoming parade. It was stated that it was difficult to get students to volunteer to make them. Clubs are still allowed to make a float if they would like.
8. Adjournment-Laura motioned and Lisa Seconded 8:01pm

Meeting Schedule (usually in TACC unless otherwise communicated):
October 9, November 13, January 8, February 19, March 12, April 9, May 14



Committee / Event (in approximate order of timing)	Committee / Event Chairperson (s)	Board point of contact	Approximate Timing
Restaurant Nights	Michele Murto	Nancy Davis	Monthly/Quarterly
Updating of the website	N/A	Lisa Yaldo	N/A
Fall Conference Staff Dinner	Need Volunteer(s)	Bidisha Goswami	October
Giving Tree	Janet Matichuk	Nancy Davis	TBD
Staff Appreciation Week	Laura Saleski	Sam Irani	
Student Appreciation Event	Gretchen Morelli, Michele Murto, Connie Clark	Bidisha Goswami/Sam Irani	
Supply Drive	Need Volunteer(s)	All	
TFEE Basket	Lisa Peak	Janice Rae	
Charity Week Carnival Booth	Need Volunteer(s)	Lisa Yaldo	February
Financial Review Committee	Jyl Boehms	Janice Rae	June/July